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Grove middle school surfer hero gets no thanks for sea rescue

by Janis Cain

13-year-old Brian Gorrell may have been dissed by a guy who's life he saved, but the PG Middle School student says he'd do the same thing again. An encore won't be possible in the near future, however, because his rescue vehicle — a surfboard — was split in half during the heroics.

Brian says he and a friend were surfing at Asilomar Beach on St. Patrick's Day when they noticed a guy out in the surf without a wet suit.

Brian says the man was holding onto a boogie board, apparently caught in a strong undertow and suffering from hypothermia.

"When I paddled out to him on my surfboard," Brian told the Beacon, "the guy was so cold he couldn't talk and he was cramping too badly to swim. I told him to grab onto my ankle."

Moments later, when the surf got really rough, Brian pushed his board aside and helped the distressed man duck under a big wave. That's when his board was broken in half.

Brian then towed the unknown man in to shore by paddling on the half of his surfboard that was still chained to his ankle.

By the time the rescuer and the rescuee got to shore, fire department, police department and ocean rescue people were on the scene.

One police officer noted that Brian had made their work "a lot easier," but that's as far as it went in the gratitude department.

Friends say Brian has not heard any word of thanks from the man he rescued, nor any offer to replace the broken surfboard.

When the Beacon tried to reach the man, the telephone number he gave to police at the scene had been disconnected. "I guess he flaked on me," Brian shrugged.

In addition to Brian's surf and rescue skills, he is also an accomplished sailer, well known at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club.

The son of a sailer, Brian and his little sister sailed with their parents to Australia for a year, when he was eight years old.



Brian Gorrell



Grove readies for Good Old Days

TEAMS OF SYNCHONIZED police motorcycle teams, the largest attraction of annual Good Old Days Celebration which begins in Pacific Grove Friday April 12, are shown in formation above. Opening parade begins at 10:00 am Saturday morning, April 13.

Planning report out: Consultant advises sweeping changes in CDD

by Janis Cain

The Beacon has obtained a draft copy of the study consultant Henry Engren completed this week which looks at policies and practices inside the Community Development Department.

Highlights include suggestions that:

—The department rescind previously approved "water banking" permits that haven't been finalized;

—Certain part-time employees be laid off to compete in open recruitment for re-hiring in possible new openings;

—A "marginal" working environment be made orderly;

—Elected or appointed officials no longer "help" on staff recommendations;

—The City assign someone with knowledge of legal procedures to give undivided attention to enforcement of PG's ordinances and planning standards;

—Historical preservation ordinances be revisited to see if too much discretion is given in deciding which houses get placed on, or taken off, the historic list;

—The Affordable Housing Committee be merged with the senior housing committee into a single housing advisory

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Dudley Moore concert in the Grove April 13

Mayor Sandy Koffman says ticket sales are fewer than hoped so far, but anticipates a sell-out performance for the Dudley Moore fundraiser on Saturday, April 13 in the Pacific Grove Middle School Auditorium, an 800-seat capacity hall.

"We're getting plenty of help from area residents, business and the school dis-

Property rights vs. "feel" of the Grove is topic of hearings

by Janis Cain

Long-anticipated changes in the way private property will be developed in the future is coming to a public hearing April 3, 6 pm, during the City Council meeting at the Meals on Wheels Senior Center, Pacific Grove.

The Commission has unanimously agreed with the Building Standards Committee that the maximum size of new construction needs to be reduced. According to a report from the Planning Commission, nearly all new homes built in PG over the past five years, as well as all remodels, are larger by far than the average size of older homes. Plans for the revision have been underway for five years.

According to comments from Commissioner Mark Travaille, "This loss of some personal property rights is more than offset by the protection of the look and feel of our many neighborhoods. The economic value of our neighborhoods is protected by adoption of these proposals."

Copies of the proposed revisions to the building standards are available at from the Planning Department.

trict in outreach efforts to sell tickets," Koffman told the Beacon this week.

This exclusive concert, to benefit the new Pacific Grove Youth Center, has been made possible by Tibor Rudas, the internationally known impresario of classical music who will donate all expenses for the recital with all proceeds from the ticket sales to benefit the Youth Center. It is only in tickets sales that the Youth Center will benefit, however, so ticket sales are critical the bottom line in helping the youth of PG.

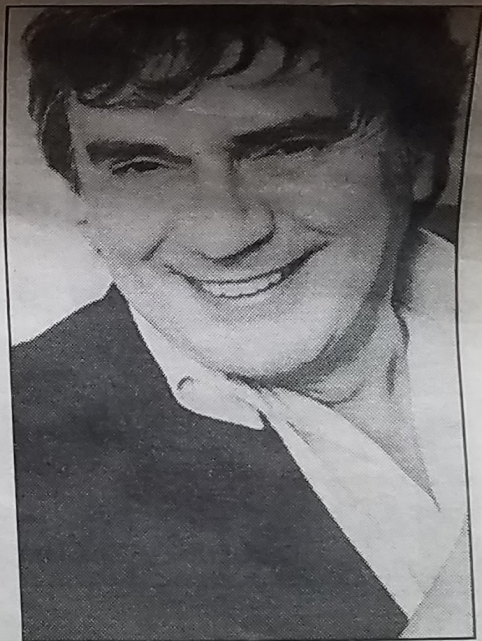
Tickets to "An Evening with Dudley Moore" will be priced at \$50, \$100, and \$150. A limited number of tickets will include an intimate after-theatre dinner with Dudley Moore in addition to the performance and will be priced at \$250. All tickets are available from the Rudas Theatrical Organization at 1-800-552-

6168. Ticket purchase price is tax deductible.

The City of PG has committed over half a million dollars to construct the building, but no funds are currently available to provide furnishings and equipment.

Proceeds from this fund-raiser will ensure that the Youth Center will be a fully functioning facility, providing programs and activities desired by Pacific Grove youth.

Mayor Koffman has also announced the after-concert dinner with Dudley Moore will be hosted by Canterbury Woods, with Chef Charles Graft providing the main courses and PG's fine dining restaurants also well represented. Wines will be supplied by the Pebble Beach Company, along with surprises expected from others.



Dudley Moore

Trustees will discuss development fees at April 4 board meeting

Faced with declining growth in property tax revenues needed to support current spending levels, trustees of the Pacific Grove School District will look to new construction fees as a new source of revenue.

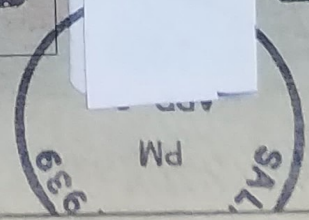
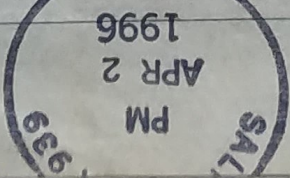
Estimated to raised \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year, would be a new fee up to \$1.84 per square foot levied on all new residential construction and \$.30 per sf on new commercial buildings within district boundaries

The one-time fee, already authorized by State legislation, would be paid by the property owner along with all other construction permit fees.

If adopted by the board, following a May public hearing, imposition of the fee could begin as early as July.

Other options for cost-cutting

Faced with inflationary cost increased the Pacific Grove School District is being forced to cut expenses. For a full list of questions and answers about options being discussed during the next two months see page 13.



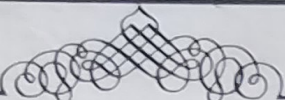
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CITY NEWS

Teen rape charges pending with D.A.

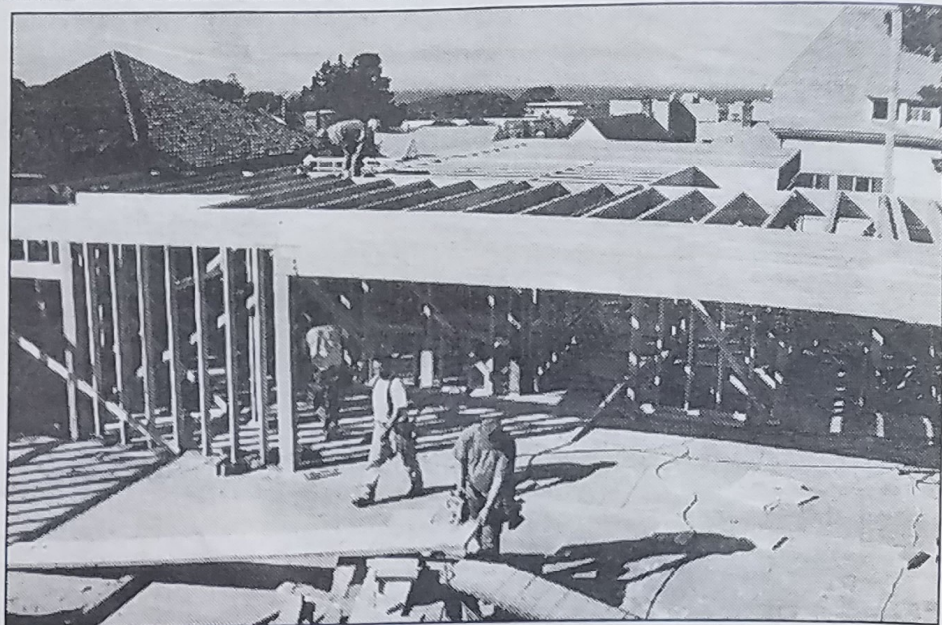
by Janis Cain

A 17-year-old high school girl says she was raped in Pacific Grove by a 19-year-old man while on a date with her 20-year-old boyfriend. Pacific Grove police say charges are pending with the Monterey County District Attorney's office.

Both the boyfriend and the suspect say they believed the girl was over 18 and the suspect has told investigators the Monterey High student was a willing participant.

The alleged victim reportedly admitted to casual conversation about getting involved with the suspect, but says at one point the suspect became forceful and committed a sexual assault.

Possible charges include forcible rape and/or unlawful sex with a minor.



FRAMING of the Youth Center building is moving along quickly by General Contractor Baptista Construction. Carpenters were framing the second floor earlier this week and plumbers and electricians are roughing-in right behind. Beacon photo by Eric Colby

Lindstrom protests staff handling of grant proposal

by Neill Gardner

Annette Lindstrom, a member of the recently-appointed Senior Housing Committee, expressed some dismay at the March 20 City Council meeting. Lindstrom was concerned because a senior housing grant application had not been written in the manner requested by her committee.

That group had told Housing Planner Dennis Boehlje to prepare the grant request, asking for funds to determine a site for senior housing and to hire an architect to prepare preliminary plans.

Boehlje's application, Lindstrom said,

asked for the \$35,000 to be spent on city staff, preparing studies that have already been done.

Councilman Steve Honegger, who chairs the new SHC, said he would have preferred that the application more closely follow the committee's request. Councilman Bob Davis expressed concern over staff's failure to follow the committee's recommendations. He insisted that staff follow instructions more closely in the future.

Following a motion by Mayor Sandra Koffman, Council ordered staff to consult with the SHC before rewording the application.

In other action, Council:

Assumed ownership of the old Glass Bottom Boat, which had been donated to the Heritage Society by William Smith. Christie Martine, society president, said her group would restore and maintain the beatup boat, now stored in the Corporation Yard on Sunset Drive. Jerry Lebeck, a lifelong resident, reminisced about rowing the boat in the days when deep sea fishing vessels embarked from the Lovers Point Pier.

Approved a Ministerial Association request to hold Easter Sunrise services at Lovers Point.

Honored Meg Manus with flowers and gift certificates. She received a standing ovation from Council and the audience.

Proclaimed April as Earthquake Month. P.G. is the only city in the county to participate.

Heard Kris Lindstrom voice concern

about application for 18 showerheads in one bathroom.

Heard Pat Hergott request for explanation of money missing from Affordable Housing funds. She said she would ask at "every meeting" until she got answers.

Heard Jean Voice, Eckankar director, plea to expedite Michael Mangum memorial bench at Berwick Park. Mangum was a longtime P.G. Post Office employee.

Discussed graffiti ordinance. Don Riehl had asked for continuance until April 3 session. New law would restrict sale of graffiti gear to minors, order property owners to remove graffiti within 10 days. Police Chief Jon Reither said it will close some loopholes in existing law. Public hearing on April 17.

Went along with Councilman Terrence Zito's condemnation of the telephone company, British Columbia and MacMillan Bloedel for chopping down so many trees for phone books. Yadon hesitated to criticize a neighboring government, but went along in the end.

OK'd concept of plaque at building Youth Center.

Heard Zito request for specifics on Historic Preservation Ordinance decisions. CDD Director Tony Lobay said he'd bring them to the April 3 session.

Discussed disability committee role. **Ordered** 6000 reprints of Steinbeck Tour Book. **Continued** several items concerned with water, Grand Jury and budget.

Consultant recommends changes to streamline operations at CDD

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committee;

--Procedures be tightened to eliminate even the perception of favoritism.

Hired by the City Council at a cost of \$2,400 for a three-week study, Engren praised the "overworked" development staff while making suggestions to ease ongoing criticism of the department.

Engren noted the community development working environment "can be charitably described as marginal. The files are extensive but information is scattered in different locations and requires manual retrieval. Access to the files is made available to the public which fulfills one need, but also adds to the possibility of misfiling or tampering with the file information."

One staffer interviewed for the study told Engren citizen complaints often prompt an "instant triage" reaction in the department. Engren said he had the "image of Lucy Ricardo in the famous candy factory skit come to mind."

In praise of the Community Development

Department, the planning consultant noted:

"One thing of which there is no doubt are the high standards that the city has established over time with respect to both the natural and the built environment."

"Lofty goals, objectives and policies are sometimes more easily articulated than implemented, however."

"The compelling responsibility of the department is to establish a fair and consistent system for reviewing and approving development applications to assure their consistency with the city's vision."

Editor's Note: C.W. Lober is a 17-year-old who will be an ongoing contributor to news in the Beacon. His longterm aspirations are to become a lawyer for the A.C.L.U. He says the late James Resten defined journalism best when he said, "Journalism is afflicting the comfortable and comforting the afflicted." His role models include Mo Vaughn of the Boston Red Sox, Jean-Paul Sartre and Special Agent Fox Mulder. He has a turtle named Godot and attends MPC.

CITY NEWS

PG City
Newsbriefs

Youth Center Update. A week ago construction completed included the basement cripple walls, the concrete slab for the first floor and framing of the first floor walls plus some rough wiring in the subfloor areas. At the clip things are going the second floor walls may be started by the time you read this. Completion is projected late this summer.

Value of City property. City Hall's liability insurance carrier sent the city its appraisal of City-owned real estate and personal property holdings recently amounting to the sum of \$26.9 million. This, according to the city manager, is up \$625,000 over last year. Of the City's total property, about 17% is sprinklered. The highest valued property is the library, followed by the Corporation Yard, community center, and the Police Station.

Computerized Library. The computers were up and functioning at the Libe on March 4 and public reaction has been favorable. Specific reactions the first week? The senior citizen, who announced he had always been afraid of computers, marveled at how easy the system was to operate. The regular patron who discovered how simple it was to renew her own books; and gleeful youngsters eager and able to try out the new technology.

Cable cash. The City received its January, 1996, payment from Monterey Peninsula TV Cable, \$15,066.

Tax sleuths pay off. Municipal Resource Consultants, the firm hired by the City to track sales tax revenue in Pacific Grove with the goal of making sure we are receiving all we are due, has "found" \$52,500 in additional sales tax revenue slipping through the bureaucratic accounting cracks (of, perhaps, county and state agencies) as a result of their efforts. This recovery of taxes due the City rep-

resents a return of 300% of MRC's fee to do the digging.

Street food fees up. The County has announced that fees they charge temporary food vendors (like those who proffer vitals during "Good Old Days") are going up. That may mean higher prices for Good Old Eaters.

A deed in kind. Unable to respond to remove a fallen tree on Highway 68 recently, Caltrans appealed to the Grove for help. Our PWD responded with personnel and equipment to clear the highway.

Employee of the Year. Chief Planner Judy MacClelland, recently named City Employee of the Years, received a very nice note recently commending her on the way she conducted an administrative hearing regarding an historic structure. She was cited for using a "careful measured way of ensuring all were heard and had their questions answered."

More sales tax? Library Director Bobbie Morrison passed along news recently that proposed State legislation (SB1598) would authorize county boards of supervisors to impose a 1/8 cent sales tax to fund library operations and programs.

The tax increase would require a 2/3 vote and city libraries (not associated with the county library system) could receive a proportionate amount based on the level of sales taxes raised in each municipality.

On another front, the California Library Association is making a concerted effort to achieve full funding of the state's Public Library Fund this year. The Fund was authorized in 1983, but has never been fully funded because of the State's inability to hold costs under income. What has been accumulated in the Fund may be allocated this year and, in the case of Pacific Grove, we may end up with about \$5,700, a pro-rata share of the \$33,000 originally projected.

PG Police
PoliceBlotter

(News from the neighborhoods)

Vandalism — Forest Grove School, damage to plants, stairs and benches.

DUI arrest — 1200 Blk, Ocean View Blvd.

Bike Stolen — 600 Blk 2nd Street.

Arrest — David & Presidio. Teen arrested while riding stolen scooter. Subject says he traded four pairs of shoes to unknown male for scooter. Scooter returned to owner in 600 Blk. Congress.

Prowler reported — 100 Blk. Acacia. None found.

Possible Vehicle Theft — 2700 Blk Ransford. Couple had locked themselves out of vehicle.

Vandalism — PG Middle School, trees & plastic pipes pulled from ground, thrown on front lawn.

Traffic Control — Asilomar Beach, during sea rescue.

Theft — 20-year-old reports theft of backpack at Lovers Point. His library card was inside. Subject has now received bill for 47 overdue CD's and videos, apparently checked out on his card at the Monterey Public Library.

Vandalism — Rock through window, 1200 Blk Shell.

Vehicle Burglary — 500 Blk Cypress, speakers, stereo, tools taken.

Beer-buying — Cork'n'Bottle reports two teens asking adults by buy beer. Gone on arrival.

Domestic Dispute — 200 Blk 18th. Object intended for male half of quarrel broke next-door window.

Suspicious Person — 500 Blk Walnut. Man sitting and lying in street, despite traffic. Not moving for motorists.

Injury Accident — Morse & Beaumont, 7-year-old fell while riding bicycle, transported to CHOMP.

Vandalism — 800 and 900 Blk of Maple and 800 Blk of 17-Mile Dr. Mailboxes destroyed.

Rescue — Skin Divers rescued, female taken to Hopkins Marine Center.

Car vs. House — 1100 Blk Buena Vista, Vehicle parked in driveway rolled into residence.

Lost child — 600 Blk Lighthouse. Six-year-old found, returned to mother.

Vandalism — 300 Blk Alder, driver window smashed.

Injury — Walker on Rec Trail broke his leg when stepping off the curb near Ocean View Blvd. at 1st St.

Vandalism — 2100 Blk Sunset/800 Blk 17 Mile Drive — Two mailboxes destroyed. Subject reports nearby party the night before involving teens and alcohol. Residence contacted; denial of party. (Police had responded to report of loud party at same address the previous evening.)

Expired Plate — 100 Blk. Central, License plate seized for expired registration.

Hit & Run — 100 Blk Acacia. White/Red Ford pickup with right side damage last seen fleeing eastbound on Acacia.

Roller-blading — Lighthouse & 17th, violation of municipal code.

Battery — 400 Blk Lighthouse, ongoing dispute between two restaurant owners.

Fallen Tree — Hwy 68. At CHP request, highway closed for removal of fallen tree. 20 flares used.

Church Directory
of Pacific Grove

Peninsula Christian Center, (Assemblies of God), 520 Pine Ave at Fountain. Sunday worship 10:45am & 6pm. Bible study Wednesday 7 pm. Paul Wilson, Pastor. 373-0431

St. Angela's Catholic Church, Lighthouse at 9th Street. Masses: Sat.-8am & 5:30 pm. Sun-8am, 10am, noon & 5:30pm. Confessions: Sat.-4pm to 5pm. Daily masses: 8am and 12:10pm. 655-4160

Disciples of Christ of Pacific Grove, (Christian Church), 442 Central. Adult Bible study 9:30 am. Worship service (including Children's Sunday School) 11am. Pastor Richard Niell Donovan. 372-0363

First Church of God 1023 David Ave., Pacific Grove. Sunday school at 9:45 am. Worship at 11 am. Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 pm. Youth Nite Friday at 6:30 pm. Pastor Tim Doramus. 372-5005

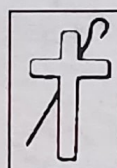
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Program honoring women this evening

That women are taking lead roles in production, marketing, research, labor contacts, farm appraising and banking, will be recognized tonight at Merrill Hall at Asilomar during a 6th Annual Women's History celebration sponsored by the Monterey District of the California State Parks system.

From 6-9pm keynote speakers will address the theme of "Women of the West — Women in Agriculture and Ranching."

Displays of vegetables grown in the Salinas Valley, photo exhibits and artifacts of the county's agricultural heritage are provided by the Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum.

Other displays will include specialty books on women's history by the Raven in the Grove bookstore of Pacific Grove.

"This program will recognize contemporary women and review history of women in agriculture and ranching," says Park Ranger Roxann Jacobus.

"When your view of history includes women's history, you discover groups of women you have probably never thought about before."

"Their contribution and the perspective women add to our shared legacy as Americans increases our own understanding of the world we're living in and our possibilities in the future," she said.

The program's presentation will be reproduced and given Monterey County educators to bring new awareness to California's agricultural history and professional career opportunities for young people.

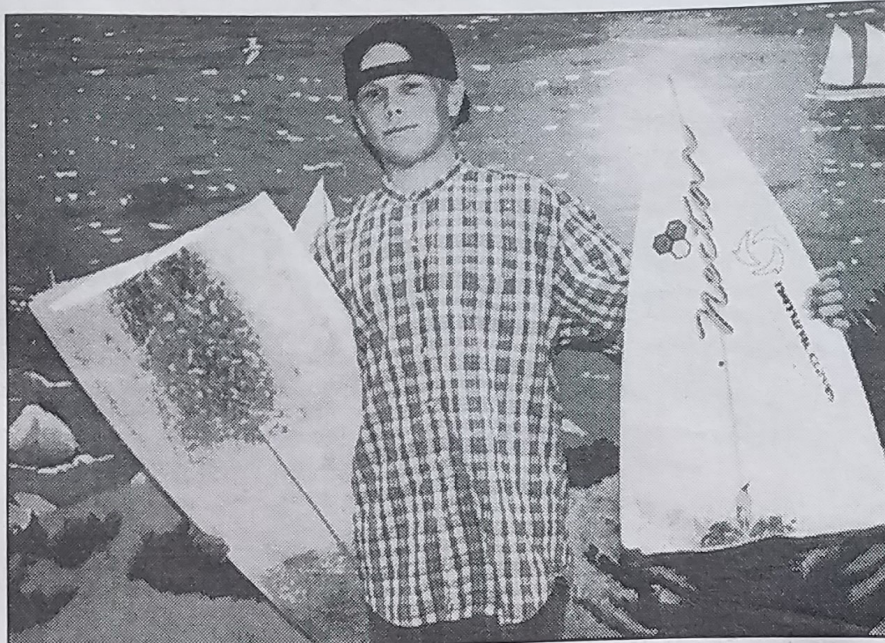
The State Parks system joins the nationwide celebration of Women's History Month each March. For info about this evening's event contact Ranger Roxann Jacobus at the Asilomar State Park Office in Pacific Grove 372-4076.

Big Buddy program sets how-to on the 9th

Any of you who read about Big Buddy Tony Schiffer and Little Buddy Nolan Brown in the 3/15/96 Beacon may want to tell someone about an upcoming meeting. The Big Buddy Program has set an orientation session for area adults who might find four hours per week to donate to a lonely boy or girl. Meet on Tuesday, April 9, from 6-7 pm at Mariposa Hall Conference Room, 801 Lighthouse Avenue in New Monterey. Call 655-9231 for details, or simply show up, to hear more about this opportunity to help shape a child's life.



WINNERS in the Pacific Grove Kiwanis Club Poster Contest were, from left, Tiffani Marlow, 1st Place; Kristin Cozort, 2nd; and Chris Hughes, 3rd. All 60 entries — from Lila Stapes art classes at PGMS — are displayed in the front windows at the Holman Building on Lighthouse in downtown PG. Posters were designed to promote the upcoming Pancake Breakfast during Good Old Days. Beacon photo by Janis Cain



BUSTED. Brian Gorrell agreed to pose with his broken surfboard this week after the Beacon learned he was one of the many unsung heroes found in all walks of life in the Grove. See page 1 for the story of Brian's sea rescue, then call the Beacon with news of other heroes in our midst. Beacon photo by Janis Cain

Club Corner

by Nadine Annand

Lighthouse Keepers Listen, Learn. What your mother told you (actually nagged about) during growing up years was further emphasized by Joy Colangelo, occupational therapist for Community Hospital at the March Lighthouse Keepers Meeting. Bea Ward, hostess in the Blue Room at Canterbury Retirement Home, saw a record attendance for the Spring meeting. The reminder was "put your shoulders back and stand up straight for good posture." Listeners were given weight-bearing exercises; told to walk up stairs rather than take the elevator, and shown how to march in place and do arm exercises. Goal-setting was described as a gradual technique, instead of disappointment against immediate attainment — especially in walking. Next, the Annual Spring Fling, Gay Millette chairman, is set for an April 10 dinner.

Altrusa Again. A slight modification as to what Altrusans contributed to the Burst of Spring in the Community Services department: Following directions from the Wooden Nickel, several members stuffed plastic eggs as part of the promotional event. They were: Elaine Martin, Carol Iida, Diane Johnson, Mary Catherine McHale and Patty Dormedy. Altrusa International also donated \$200 to Interplast, a humanitarian group of doctors from Palo Alto

who provide corrective surgery to needy countries. Local Altrusans have held a special interest in Interplast for more than 15 years.

Who's Who in America — Local Girl Makes Good. Sheila Flynn Stevens, 1960 Pacific Grove High School graduate now living in Upstate New York, has been named to Who's Who in America. Announcement of this honor was proudly related by Sheila's husband, Jan Stevens, 1956 PGHS graduate, from their home in St. Cape Vincent, New York State to Merion and Rocky Stevens, longtime PG residents. Sheila's recognition was accorded for her outstanding contribution as Director in New York State Teachers Union, for which she travels extensively. Both Sheila and Jan are teachers and both have taught in Micronesia, Guam and Alaska. Jan currently teaches in an elementary school in their home.

PG skaters going for regional finals

Fifteen-year-olds Walt Matteson and Edrick Stewart, Pacific Grove, are both skating in the Junior World Class Division and will soon vie for the Southwest Regional Championships.

Coach Keith Burchell reports the Del Monte Gardens Skating Club is down to its last three months of local competitions, before the regionals, a prelude to the Nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska. He says he's looking to the possibility of going on to the Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

The local rink has approximately 24 regional skaters, all of which are capable of winning in their division. Matteson and Stewart are two of the 24. The rink open to any skaters between the ages of 12 and 17.

Both of the PG skaters have been winners at qualifying meets throughout the year. Walt skates figures and Edrick performs freestyle.

To win at Nationals, Walt would have to adeptly execute 16 figures, long and loops.

Design contest open for Holman store directory

A \$500 cash prize will be awarded to the design accepted for a store directory in the lobby of the re-opened Holman Building.

The motif selected for the directory will also be used throughout the building for directional signage.

Specifications for the directory may be obtained by calling Tamara Pursley at the Holman Building, 646-1677.

Entries must be received by May 15. Judging and award will be done June 7.

People

Kirsten Erickson, a senior at Pacific Grove High School, has been chosen through audition a member of the CBDA All State Symphonic Band. Her concert was held in Stockton on February 18. She is one of only eight students statewide so honored this year.

Vince Keenan, a junior at PGHS was also chosen in February a member of the CMEA All State Jazz Ensemble.

Victoria Carn, Rick Bittern and Paul Lukas are three new members of the Pacific Grove Kiwanis Club welcomed this month. Kiwanians meet each Tuesday at 7am in the Meals on Wheels building. In other action this month Kiwanians approved a request for funds from the Robert Down Elementary School PTA to help pay for two-way radios to assist playground monitors with emergency communications to the office.

Beverly Head is a new appointee to the Pacific Grove Library Board.

Hardy Darring is new director of marketing and underwriting for KAZU, the Pacific Grove public radio station for Monterey Bay. Hardy comes from Boulder, Colorado where he was a development and promotions volunteer for KGNU community radio. Darring is responsible for securing business and corporate support for the non-profit public radio KAZU, 90.3 FM.

Frank Delahante, Pacific Grove's senior upholsterer on Forest Avenue, became an octogenarian on March 21. Marege Langley brought a 80-candle birthday cake to a luncheon party at Bay Cafe, nearly necessitating a call to the fire department.

Erma Dinkel, current president, has been nominated for re-election to the board of directors of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce. Also nominated to serve terms on the board are Hank Armstrong of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Gerry Sirocky of PG's Hallmark, Jerry McIntire of the Rosedale Inn, and Connie Perry, a realtor in Pacific Grove. Membership votes are being mailed in and will be tallied next month.

Meg Manus, an active and supportive resident of the Grove best known, perhaps, for her role as organizer for an annual 4th of July Picnic in Washington Park, was feted by friends and city officials last Saturday to celebrate the lady's 80th birthday. The party, which lasted from 3-



Meg Manus

5pm was held in the Meals on Wheels building.

Dick Seidenzahl, member of the Pacific Grove Rotary Club, became a Rotary Benefactor this month with his pledge to bequeath \$1,000 of his estate to the Rotary International Fund. The Fund is an over \$400 million Rotary investment whose interest is used each year to sponsor humanitarian projects throughout the world.

Jeff Edmonds, a general contractor, is the newest member of the Pacific Grove Rotary Club. His membership was sponsored by Jim Calandra.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Community newsbriefs

Girls Scouts. Girls from Pacific Grove Troop 2133 will join other troops from round the county for "Ms. Fix-it Day," a be-in Saturday, April 13 at Monterey High School. The all-day event beginning 9:00am is designed to prepare Girl Scouts to take on activities traditionally learned by boys such as Bicycle and Auto Repair, Home Repairs, Tool Familiarity, and Home Emergency Preparedness. To find out more call Troop Scoutmaster Judy Holder, 647-9555, or Girl Scout District Director Jan Stotzer, 372-3310.

Bay Investment Club. The stock market must be learned to make money and members of the Bay Investment Club, which meets April 9 in Pacific Grove, are looking for a few more members to join their general investment partnership for learning and profit. Meeting starts Tuesday at 7:15pm at the St. Angela Inn, 321 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove. The club's goals are education and long-term investments. Call Joe Gereghy 626-6538 or Jeff Clifton 484-6020 for info.

The Big One. At 10:30am Tuesday, April 2, all hell will break loose as disaster, in the form of a mock earthquake, hits Pacific Grove. Power, gas, telephone, drinking water and sewers will be presumed dysfunctional. Nearly 35% of the Grove's population will be dead. The place is a mess and exercises to cope will begin with activation of the City's emergency operations center at the Rec, 515 Junipero Avenue, at 10am. A damage assessment team will embark. Red Cross shelters will be prepared at Asilomar, Chautaugua Hall and the PG Middle School. Search dogs will be turned loose in the City's corporation yard. Amateur radio stations and KOCN will make remote broadcasts. The Sal-

vation Army will send an emergency canteen vehicle to provide coffee and lunch to disaster workers. Boy Scouts from Troop 90 will deliver messages.

PG Triathlon. September 14, 1996 is the date confirmed for this year's event co-hosted by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce and Tri-California. About 500 volunteers are needed for the event and can obtain a requisition form to be completed and returned by April 23. Call 373-4266 or 655-5715 for information.

Committee chairmen for this year's Triathlon are: Administration, Key Gonzalez; Aid stations, Beth Buzza & Lorrie Bridges; Bike, Paul Aschenbrenner & Steve Rammel; Communications, Doug & Beverly McKinney, Greg Poole; Honorary Committee, Sandy Koffman; Hospitality, Nell Meyer and Julie Davis; Medical, (Vacant); Public Relations, Connie Perry; Officials, Vince Korsorek; Registration, Merrill Peterson, Susan Crisante; Run, Bill McElyea; Start/Finish, Abby Pfeiffer; Supplies, Don Whitsett; Swim, Mike Wallace; Timing, Jim & Kay Watts, Robert Ornelas; Volunteers, Wolfgang Haas & Lynn Swerrie; Event Merchandise, Todd & Amy Bales; Exposition, Lianne Minemoto; Finish Line Food, Jean Anton; Signs & Banners, Lianne Minemoto; Staging, John Miller & Bill Shepner; Sponsor & Professional Liason, Brenda Whitsett.

Smoke Detectors: The Grove Fire Department reminds everyone to check household smoke detectors again, replacing "borrowed" batteries and cleaning cobwebs at the beginning of daylight saving time, April 1. Free batteries are available at the Fire Dept during normal working hours. 648-3110 with questions.

Fifteenth annual Pacific Grove Good Old Days Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Pacific Grove Kiwanis Club, will be held Saturday, April 13, from 8 to 11 am at Jewell Park, Central & Grand Avenues. Entertainment will be provided by the PG High School Jazz Band. Tickets are \$4 and are available from the PG Chamber of Commerce and its members as well as at the event. Proceeds from the breakfast are used to fund two college scholarships for local grads.



Town clubs ready for annual Good Old Days

The 39th annual Good Old Days celebration is coming to Pacific Grove April 12-14, from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission to the celebration is complimentary. Among highlights this year are:

Friday the Old Fashioned Wood Shaft Golf Tournament at the PG Municipal Links, sponsored by the Heritage Society.

The Quilt show will feature authentic award-winning quilts at Chautaugua Hall.

Saturday the Good Old Days Parade starts Saturday, April 13th at 10 am, with the best viewing areas from the sidewalks off Pine Avenue.

Over 80 entries including marching bands, military color guards, Wells Fargo Carriage, old time cars and motorized floats will make this parade memorable.

Sponsored by the Summer Olympic Games, the 9th annual Police Motorcycle Riding competition begins immediately after the parade, at noon, on Pine Avenue. The statewide contest attracts 17 teams from throughout California and three exhibit teams.

A Victorian Fashion Show allows lo-

cal residents to dress up in authentic attire judged by local dignitaries.

The Dickens fellowship presents a dramatic state theater at Elmarie Dyke Park and a Tea Party at Dorothy Marie's Tea Company.

Downtown Pacific Grove will be filled with 225 arts and crafts vendors, offering only hand made creative art. From Smokin Jim Barbecued Ribs and Chicken to Deep Fried Calamari and everything else, PG's main street will feature an international smorgasbord.

Live entertainment will be performed on two stages and include shows such as the Troupers at the Gold Coast.

On Sunday, the events include repeats of Saturday's events, plus:

Pie Eating contest

Bubble gum blowing contest.

Team Adventure in-line skating show will demonstrate the talent of Pacific Grove Youth, featured on national television shows.

Professor Gordon's Ragtime Theater will perform at Robert Down auditorium.

A Firefighters Muster - Hose Cart race and Make and Break Bucket Brigade will be held on Lighthouse Ave.

Call Moe Ammar, Executive Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce for further details. 373-3304.

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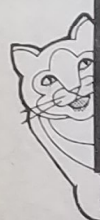
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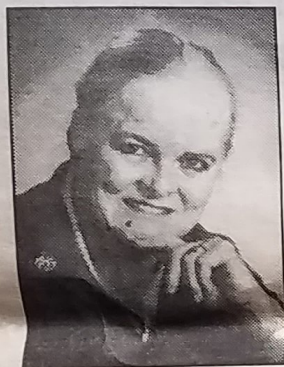
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BUSINESS NEWS

Other people's Business

by Eric Colby

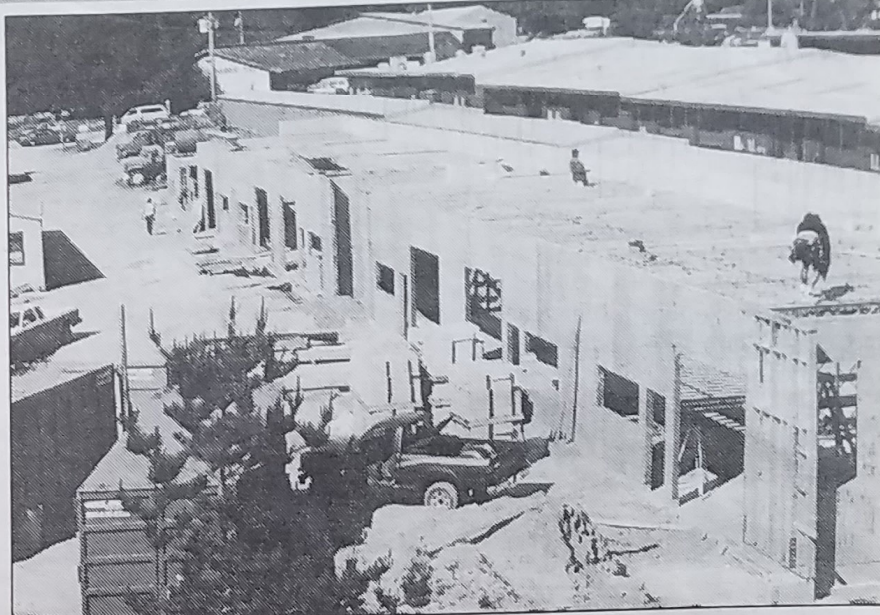
Handwriting on the wall. The Grove seems to have become the center for recycled merchandise in Monterey County. The Pacific Grove Peninsula, which includes New Monterey and Pebble Beach, is the home of over 20 stores purveying everything from used books, appliances, furniture, and clothing, and we are not even counting the antique stores which comprise another 12 outlets of "nice twice."

As Is Resale Boutique is one of three new outlets of this genre who are part of a virtual business renaissance on Grand Avenue in Pacific Grove. Owner Patti Woolsey, a 28 year resident of Pacific Grove, boasts a collection of unique specialty clothing unlike anything anyone else has. The scope of her inventory includes hats, accessories, jewelry, purses and a lot of custom-made clothing. Everything in the store is on consignment. As Is opened last October and is located at 301 Grand at the Corner of Laurel. Store hours are 10:30 to 5:00 Monday thru Saturday.

Peek-a-Boo Children's Resale is next door in the same pink shingled building, featuring clothing for kids newborn to 14. Owner Christa Paniagua has collected an unusual variety merchandise in addition to clothing including educational toys, books, furniture, footwear, bedding, equipment room decor and more. Prior to coming to Pacific Grove eight years ago, Christa spent 10 years operating a facial shop in I-Magnin's on Union Square in San Francisco. Peek-a-Boo is located at 303 Grand Avenue and store hours are 10:00-5:00 Monday thru Saturday.

Alteration Services is exactly between the two stores named above. Paricher Payandehjoo is the proprietress and seamstress who will tailor new clothing or alter almost anything (including leather) that doesn't fit for men, women, children and wedding parties (including the bride). Paricher (which means "Angleface" in Persian) opened her store four months ago. Beside doing "same day" work, Paricher will do fittings in your home and deliver finished work. She also sells a line of clothing, repairs luggage, and makes custom cushions and pillows. The store is at 303-1 Grand and is open Monday thru Saturday from 11:00 - 6:00 and Saturday or Sunday by appointment.

The Handmaden. Leaving their neighbors on Grand Avenue are Don and



CONSTRUCTION of new commercial zoned space in the Sunset District, adjacent to and west of the Russell Service Center is this Sunset Trade Center which, finished, will comprise 10,000 sq. ft. of office and warehouse space. Beacon photo by Eric Colby

Olivia Shaffer who moved their sewing and fabric business last week into a spacious 3,000 square feet at 620 Lighthouse Avenue in the PG Plaza Building at the corner of 17th Street. Handmaden sells and repairs sewing machines and carries a large selection of fabrics. A series of classes taught at the store include sewing, needle point, quilting and garment making. June McKnight is one of their instructors. Handmaden has been in Pacific Grove for 10 years. Olivia says she can better serve the public at the new location. "We have a computer and hand scanner on the floor where customers can seek and obtain designs for embroidery. We now have three classrooms, and we've been able to hire two more staff members. Handmaden is open Monday -Saturday 10:00 to 5:00 (Thursdays 'til 9pm) and Sunday 12-4pm.



The Phoenix

After approval by city boards and commissions, Barbara Locke and partner are now ready to develop and open their remodeled version of this historic home. Moving from residential to commercial use, the building will house a deli-cafe on the upper level, a retail business below and a garden nursery outdoors.

Police Tips

from the Pacific Grove Police Dept.

Each day, as we leave for work, we need to keep in mind a few tips which, if followed, can help prevent us from being a victim of crime.

— Lock your car when you leave it in the parking lot.

— Try to park in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.

— If you are the last to leave at night, lock the door to your office or notify security.

— Be aware of your surroundings as you walk to your car. Avoid walking near bushes or along dark walkways. Keep your purse close to your body. Walk quickly and with determination.

— Insist on identification from repair persons who come to work in the office and be extra alert while they are there.

— Know the location of the fire exits.

— Keep your purse or wallet with you or locked in a drawer or closet.

— Know the numbers for security, police and fire departments.

— Keep track of the office keys in your possession, store them in a secure place and do not hand them out to unauthorized persons. Report all lost keys immediately to the security department.

— Shred important papers before discarding them in a wastebasket.

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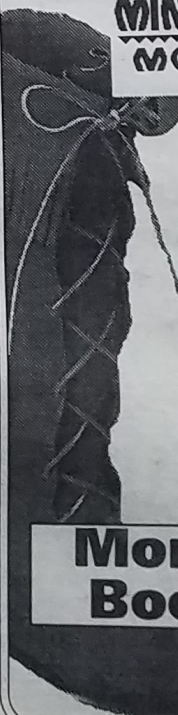
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BUSINESS NEWS

Second life for stolen Reincarnation sign?

by Janis Cain

A large wooden and metal sign from the Reincarnation shop on 17th, just up from Lighthouse Avenue, has apparently been stolen.

Nancy Holland says the ornate, hand-painted 3x6-foot sign has a history going back to the original Reincarnation store on Cannery Row.

"When we moved the business to 17th Street, the sign was transported up the hill and nailed to the Victorian-era residence-turned-retail shop," Holland told the Beacon. "Over the years, so many people have wanted to buy it from me and some of the customers are nearly as concerned as I am over the disappearance."

The sign is a drawing of angels, with the letters spelling Reincarnation written vertically along the side, in red letters. Atop the sign is an ornate metal sculpture with an abalone shell featured in the center.

"If anyone notices the artwork," Holland added, "please let me know. I just want it back. It may have been dropped in a backyard, or garage, or whatever. It would be difficult to miss."

Holland's phone number is 649-0689.

The Quill opens

Lisa Mefford (above) completed furnishing and stocking her new store last week and received a warm welcoming reception yesterday from fellow members of the Pacific Grove Chamber of



Lisa Mefford of The Quill

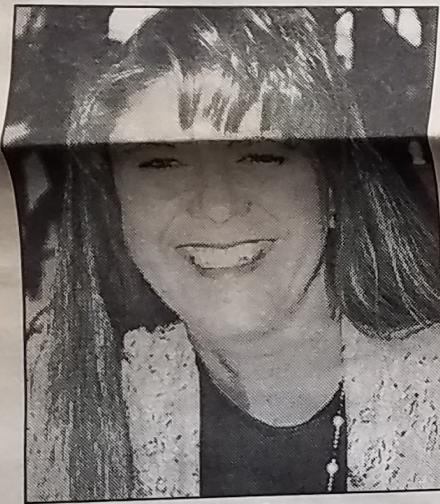
Commerce. Known as The Quill, her new store opened February 15 at 217 Grand Avenue and stocks fine papers for calligraphy, invitations, certificates and carries a complete line of stationery, greeting cards, and personalized stationery. The owner designed and built all the store's antique cabinetry and trim which adds a warm atmosphere. Lisa is from Michigan and is a registered architect graduated from Arizona State University. She moved to Pacific Grove in 1990 and, until recently, worked for John Mattham, a designer here in Pacific Grove. Lisa does calligraphy and will design and print posters, announcements, etc. done by her own hand. The Quill is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30 to 5:30.

Highest award for Great Western v.p.

Clarissa Domingos, with Pacific Grove branch of Great Western for 13 years, has received the nationwide savings institution's highest employee recognition.

The President's Circle Award was bestowed on Domingos this month in Scottsdale, Arizona, where recipients from across the nation participated in seminars with the company's top executives.

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Clarissa Domingos

MILESTONES

Births

Joshua Charles King was born 3/7/96 to Robert and Bonnie King, Pacific Grove.

Zachary Thomas Evling was born 3/13/96 to Traci and Jens Evling, Monterey.

Justice Jason Post was born 3/6/96 to Jason and Shandra Post, Pacific Grove.

Deaths

Aubrey E. Babson, 87, a 30-year resident of Pacific Grove, died March 8 at Monterey Convalescent Hospital.

Born March 23, 1908 in Mojave, Mr. Babson served in the U.S. Army during World War II, was a golf course superintendent for 51 years, a charter member of Spyglass Hill Golf Club, Pebble Beach, and a life member of the Superintendents of California.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Martha Babson of Pacific Grove.

Pauline Braverman Morris, 89, Pacific Grove, died March 21 at the Hospice House, Monterey.

A 30-year resident of Pacific Grove, Mrs. Morris was born Feb. 6, 1907 in Minneapolis MN. She was self-employed in the greeting card business, and a member of the Pacific Grove Garden

Club.

Survivors include three nephews and five nieces.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Hospice House, P.O. Box 1798, Monterey, CA 93942.

Charles "Buster" Varien. The Beacon learned recently of the February 26 passing of Charles "Buster" Varien, 76, formerly of Pacific Grove.

Varien was born in Monterey in 1919. He was a Pacific Grove High School athlete, was awarded two Purple Hearts in World War II for combat in the South Pacific, and returned to Pacific Grove to open a bike shop. He expanded with a lock shop and eventually took over his father's pool hall.

When Varien's first wife died in the 1950s he moved to Santa Clara where he was a carpenter, artist, husband and father.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Patricia of Santa Clara; daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Bill Conlin of Silver Springs, NV, Holly and Dick, Paquette of San Jose and Sheryl Varien and Bill Doyle of San Jose; son Charles Varien of Santa Clara; sisters, Alice McNulty of Tulare; Anita Kavanaugh of Pacific Grove, and Helen Brown of Waldron, Ark; and 14 grandchildren.



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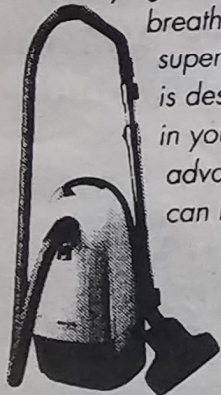
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FEATURES

I got a ticket to ride, got gambling fever with the fun flight irregulars

by Janis Cain

Ever wonder who takes those casino "Fun Flights" to Reno and why they're so cheap?

I'm using "cheap" in the affordable-sense here. The round-trip fare was \$39, and that included plenty of perks.

As for cheap in the tawdry sense, well, cheap is as cheap does.

Fun flight "rules" require the passenger to be at least 21 years of age, have \$350 in gambling cash on her person, and do her gambling on \$1, \$5 and \$10 slots (none of those five and dime models), pay for the flight in advance and show up an hour before flight time.

The flight itself is a quick 40 minutes, punctuated by free champagne and unguarded optimism. It was obvious from the start that many of the passengers were "regulars." Greetings were on a first-name basis and many saved seats for one another.

Upon landing at Reno International, passengers are whisked away in buses for the 10-minute ride west to Boomtown Casino.

Long before I booked the trip, I planned my Beacon report around what was sure to be an offbeat pas-

Del Monte Forest next exhibit at PG Museum

The "Del Monte Forest Legacy: A Century of Stewardship" is the newest exhibition installed at the PG Museum of Natural History.

It examines the unique natural history of the Del Monte Forest area as well as its human history. The exhibit will run from June 1 to October 20.

Slice of Life

by Elaine Breen

Even cow girls get the flu

I've been having flu. Hurting was my head, eyes, eyelashes, fingernails and on down. The doc said "you're healing well. Take Tylenol and drink liquids."

Well! I had to have Tom go to Rocky Coast for a cure. Dennis packed up some Cherry Garcia for me. The cherries have vitamin C which surrounds the viruses. The viruses cling to the chocolate bits for comfort and go wherever the chocolate goes. Ask Dr. Dennis.

I lost my voice for two days and decided I didn't want to be a Carmelite nun after all. When the kids were little I used to threaten them, "If you don't quiet down I'm going to join the Carmelites."

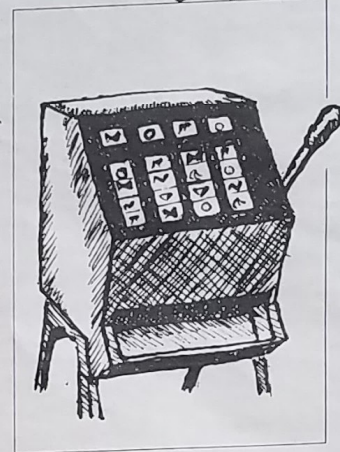
Anne, 10, told the nun at school her mom was going to join the Carmelites. Sister Miriam apparently recognized the background of the remark, having had other mothers attracted to the Carmelites. She told Anne that her mother probably couldn't join the Carmelites unless her father first became a priest.

Anne came home and asked Tom if he was going to become a priest. Tom said he didn't think he'd become a priest in this lifetime, at least until he stopped having kids. Anyway, it is not fun to

senger list. Once aboard the gamblers' special, casino-subsidized, junket to Boomtown, however, my suppositions began to unravel.

Diversity was rampant: young, old, every color of the rainbow, and hair in blonde, brown, black, red, white and blue.

The most vocal members of the group were enthusiastic to a fault — boisterous even on the "dry" return trip when no champagne was in sight.



"You're the happiest bunch of losers I ever saw," one observant winner shrieked, somewhere over the Sierra Nevada.

More subdued, in the seat next to me, was a passenger who seemed resigned to the fate of most gamblers. "I won \$450 before

lunch," she confided, "but then I lost it again. There wasn't anything else to do so I kept playing until I lost it all. I try not to think about what I could have done with the money."

One of the regulars that day had won \$5,000 and wanted to stay. "Whenever she wins, she always wants to stay," began a nearby conversation. "But her husband, he gets really mad when she doesn't come back." Spouses are funny that way.

In a brief conversation with the agent in charge of the Boomtown Fun Flights for 17 years, I learned about 70 percent of the travelers are women, with about an equal percentage being seniors.

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SPORTS

Raquet Review

By Matthew A. Foote

Our Spring Break Tennis Camp is coming up April 8-12. We've designed a new format which will provide the absolute optimum tennis program for kids age 4-18. While the beginning kids will still get the best tennis instruction available on the Peninsula from 9am-12pm every day, they will also get the option of extended care from 12pm-2pm available at no charge. The extra two hours will include many non-tennis related games and activities. For intermediate players the new format will be intensive tennis instruction and competitive games from 3pm-6pm, combined with a free week-long round robin tournament offering a trophy to the winner. Both camps are \$20/day and \$85 for the whole week. Unlike some other tennis camps, all lessons are taught by Professional Instructors.

Also ongoing at the Morris Dill Tennis Courts is the Pacific Grove Spring Tournament of Points. The Tournament of Points is based solely on effort and attitude rather than ability. The children who collect the most points over the course of three months can win new racquets, shoes, trophies, and private lessons. This is a chance for kids to show their commitment and ambition over the long term.

The other announcement concerning junior tennis in Pacific Grove is what we are tentatively dubbing "The Drive to the West Pacific Cup". The West Pacific Cup is taking place in August in Hawaii. The kids and I are going to work hard to raise the funds to travel to this team competition for novice junior players. We are greatly appreciative of any local merchants who can help not necessarily with financial donations but with time and/or ideas to contact Matt Foote at 648-3129. It will be a great experience, a great time, and another opportunity for kids to learn about the rewards of long term dedication.

Well, that's some of the comings and goings these days in Pacific Grove Tennis. It must be obvious that I'm all fired up about the infinite possibilities here. The kids are motivated too, and I hope to get more adults active in the Morris Dill Tennis Courts community as well.

The annual Pacific Grove Novice Junior Tennis Tournament has come to a close. It was great to see a lot of interest from Pacific Grove kids. Local kids made strong showings in several events. Mike Heligman of Carmel won the Boys' 14 and under division, with Joon Park of Pacific Grove—who also plays on the Pacific Grove Middle School Tennis Team—finishing second. In Girls' 14 and unders, Amy Crawford of PG tied for the championship, while her younger brother Matthew finished third in the

Tennis Announcement

It has come to the attention of the Beacon that through some questionable tactics, advertisements for tennis lessons from facilities outside of Pacific Grove have been distributed through PG schools.

The Beacon would like to remind readers that the tennis program at the Morris Dill Tennis Courts is the only one in conjunction with the the City of Pacific Grove. Furthermore it is the only tennis program on the Monterey Peninsula which contributes to the City of Pacific Grove financially through lease fees, business license fees, and taxes.

The Morris Dill Tennis Courts also donate full use of the facility to the Pacific Grove Middle School tennis team and donate free instructional clinics to that team. The tennis program at the Morris Dill Tennis Courts has also shown continual support and allegiance to youth and adult Pacific Grove tennis players.

Boys' 10s. Also in the Boys' 10s, Ryan Dawson of Carmel finished fourth. In the Boys' 12 and under division, Dimitri Cohen of Monterey finished fourth. In Girls' 12s, Meece Villalobos finished fourth.

The list of other PG entrants includes Jeff Park, Mike Wolfner, Tommy Roberts, Ryan Felix, Robbie Little, John Soares, John Mothershead, Scott Kostyshak, George Entis, Amy Crawford, Jae Bae, and Jack Gillis.

Congratulations to all the local kids for great showings, great efforts, and most importantly great attitudes. Its good to see that most of these kids realize the importance of sportsmanship, effort, and keeping a smile on one's face.

Thrilling opener for PG Bronco baseball

by J. and G. Grant

Cypress Sporting Goods edged P.G. Fire in dramatic fashion, 8-7, Monday at George Washington Park. This fine game opened the season for this six-team league of 11 and 12 year olds.

P.G. Fire did their damage at the plate with six hits, and took advantage of their opponent's errors. Cypress Sporting banged out eight hits, including Jason Spait's double, and they also bunted very effectively.

Kevin Murfeld competently threw 4 2/3 innings in relief to earn the win, while Melissa Heydeman pitched 4 innings of powerful relief for P.G. Fire.

Late in the game, Jeffrey Price smacked a big two R.B.I. double to tie the game for P.G. Fire. His teammates, Ian Klotz and Melissa Heydeman, also hit doubles.

With darkness looming, in the bottom of the last inning, Beau Weaver, who was 2-for-4 at the plate, scored the winning run from 3rd base on Iaian Filippini's grounder.

Three games Saturday promise more great P.G. Bronco baseball at Washington Park.

Hotshot Basketball

by Matthew A. Foote

The 1996 Elks Hotshot Basketball Skills Contest took place Saturday March 16 at the Porter Youth Center. Participants from Marina, PG, North County, and Monterey. Results for Pacific Grove entrants were as follows:

Girls 9-12: Katie Anerson, 1st Place. Lauren Schmitz, 2nd.

Girls 13-15: Judy Flannery, 2nd.

Boys 9-12: Casey Flannery, 4th.

Boys 13-15: Peyton McElyea, 2nd.

Antonio Chan, 6th.

Congratulations on an outstanding showing by our local hoopsters.

Sportsbriefs

Illustrious Alumni

Don Gasperson, PG's former fire chief, was featured last Saturday at the fifth annual MPC Lobo Hall of Fame Banquet. Honored as the "most illustrious" alumni athletes were Sharon DeMaria Osgood, Eddie Esteban, Mel Mason Bill McClintock and Steve Powers.

Gasperson is the 1996 Distinguished Alumni for the event, benefiting MPC's Athletic Program.

Socko tournament

Tri-City Carpets will sponsor a one-pitch, round-robin socko tournament April 20 and 21 at the Navey School. Entry fee is \$100 per team and the field will be limited to five teams. Also included will be a home-run hitting contest (\$10 donation) with proceeds going to the John Lucido Memorial Fund. Call 375-2775 for more information.

Rec Club . . .

Spring youth activities set for spring break

from Jody Aliotti, PG Rec Dept.

The Rec Club will be open during Spring Break, April 8-12, from 1:30 to 5:30 pm (Monday-Friday)! Middle school and high school students are invited to stop by and participate in the fun activities planned for the week:

Monday, kick off the week with food, volleyball, and lots of sun or fog at our 2nd Annual Beach Party at Lover's Point.

Wednesday, April 10, participate in the trip to Great America, \$32. Limited space.

Thursday, Rec Club will head to Cages in Monterey for unlimited batting, a skee-ball tournament and basketball shoot out contest, pizza and soda — all for \$5.

Friday, dance the night away and kick off the Good Old Days celebration at our Youth Street Dance from 5:30 to 8 pm in the Bank of America Parking Log. The dance is free and sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the Recreation Department, and Publications class.

For more information, pick up a calendar of events at the PG Rec Dept., or call 648-3130.

Chess Tourney results:

Forty-six kids from around the peninsula participated in the recent PG Rec Department's Monterey Peninsula Chess Championship and School Jamboree for kids in grades K-8. The ten tournament winners were:

Grades 4-8

Brandon Duda, Junipero Serra, 2nd Place; Elizabeth Brown, Forest Grove, 2nd Place; Michael Peterson, Foothill, 3rd Place; Stephen Sheppard, Robert Down, 4th Place; Ryan Williams, Foothill, 5th Place.

Grades K-3

Mirco Haag-Gallan, Foothill, 1st Place; Taylor Matsumoto, Santa Catalina, 2nd Place; Christopher Myrick, Monte Vista, 3rd Place; Alexander Nikssarian, Santa Catalina, 4th Place; John Haag-Gallan, Foothill, 5th Place.

First Place School was Foothill, followed by Junipero Serra, 2nd; and Monte Vista, 3rd.

Real Estate Transactions

March recordings provided by Abstract Information Services of Pacific Grove.

Pacific Grove
1133 PATTERSON LANE: \$270,000, Martha A. McConnell to Bruce A. & Margaret L. Ross, 3/8/96.

517 ASILOMAR AVE: \$290,000, William E. Coulter to Eugene Y. & Judith K. Loh, 3/8/96.

CHESTNUT STREET: \$165,000, John C. O'Brien to Roger H. Grace, 3/12/96.

1320 LINCOLN AVE: \$210,000, Ernest N. Causey to Anne H. Lopez, 3/13/96.

Pebble Beach
2869 LASAUEN RD: \$465,000, John J. & Berendina Dekkers to Robert & Abbott H. Hall, 3/12/96.

10063 RODEO RD: \$395,000, Hugh J. & Elizabeth L. Hoy to H. Jack & Betty Hites, 3/12/96.

\$875,000, John J. Bartowick to Yong Siew Fun, 3/14/96.

2822 CONGRESS ROAD: \$345,000, Leonard L. Cohn to Mark J. Kavanaugh, 3/15/96.

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2 Artists Forum Gallery

Contemporary art, paintings, photography and sculpture. Open Tue-Sat 10-5. 309 Forest Avenue. 375-4278

3 Anything & Everything

A resale emporium of old, new, and collectible household items from architectural salvage, Estate acquisitions, garage sales. Hours 11-5:30 Tue-Sun. 158 Fountain Avenue. 649-6251

4 Front Row Center

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8 Pacific Grove Art Center

Largest gallery on the Central Coast. Houses working studios of eight working artists. Three main exhibit halls feature a variety of interesting and unique exhibits in all media. Open Tue-Sat 12-5. 568 Lighthouse Avenue. 375-2208

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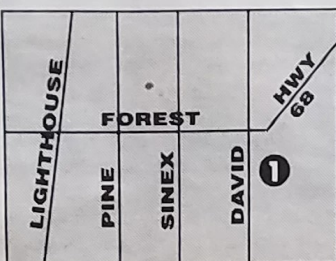
Distinctive crafts, fine art jewelry, contemporary art. Open Mon-Sat (closed Sunday). 650 Lighthouse Avenue. 655-8205

10 Patrick's Consignment

Don't miss the Patrick's experience! Come see this 6,000 sf showroom full of artful vignettes of antique and future antique home furnishings PLUS 35 dealer cases of jewelry and collectibles from all over the world. Mon-Sat 10-5:30, Sun 12-5. 105 Central Avenue. 372-3995

11 Vehicle Gallery

Featuring photography and paintings. Check About Town for scheduled shows. (In back of the Camera Exchange). 551 Lighthouse Avenue. 373-0448



ABOUT TOWN

American Tin Cannery. A proposed memorial to the 19th Century Chinese community established at "China Point," (current site of the Hopkins Marine Station in Pacific Grove), will be unveiled in conjunction with the Cannery Row Foundation. The factory outlet center at Ocean View and Eardly, is holding a reception, from 5-7 pm Friday, April 19 for sculptor Christopher Bell, Chinese historian and author Sandy Lydon, along with Chinese and civic dignitaries.

Third Studio. This evening, Friday March 29, begins the first of six of the *Heroes and Sheras* stories, with curtain going up at 8pm in this theatre located in the Recreation Center, 843 Mason Road, at the Presidio of Monterey. Performance will be repeated at 2pm Saturday and Sunday the same weekend. Admission is free. 373-4389 for info.

Defense Language Institute. Friday, April 19, between 10am and 3pm, public is invited to visit the school during Language Day '96. See classroom demonstrations, cultural displays, and entertainment of ethnic dancing and singing by DLI students and faculty on the outdoor stage and a program for teachers. Check in at the Quad by the outdoor stage. 242-5104 for info.

Vest Pocket Gallery. "Sacred Landscapes," by Matthew Muth of Pacific Grove ends Sunday March 31. Forest Hill Manor, 551 Gibson, Pacific Grove. 657-5200 for info.

PG Art Center. The March exhibits at Pacific Grove Art Center will be featured through April 12th, Tue-Sat 12-5pm.

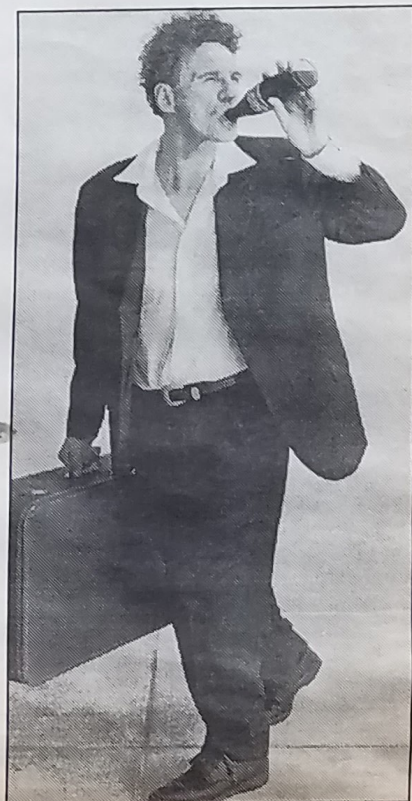
-Central Coast Art Association Competitive, a juried show. Paintings in oil, acrylic and watercolor.

-Rolf Lygren: paintings, "Working California."

-Marian Whitney: "Windows," paintings in acrylic.

-Martha Casanave: "Thirty Years: Portraits of Monterey Peninsula Artists and Eccentrics," black and white photographs. 568 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove, 375-2208.

Portofino Presents at the PG Art Center, 568 Lighthouse Avenue. Saturday, March 30, 8pm, Pierre Bensusan, French guitarist extraordinaire! One of the most gifted musicians on the world music scene. 373-7379 for info and reservations.



Tony Morewood

Unicorn Theatre. "How to Become an American" is English comedian Tony Morewood's new one-man show coming to the Unicorn Theatre in New Monterey on weekends in April. Call 649-0259 for details. Many will be familiar with Morewood from his numerous Cable TV appearances, or as "the man in the chair" on Magnovox's new hair-raising network TV commercial.

Museum of Natural History. Now showing photographs by Katherine B. Rambo capturing natural art on film. Tuesday-Sunday 10am - 5pm, Corner of Forest and Central, downtown Pacific Grove.

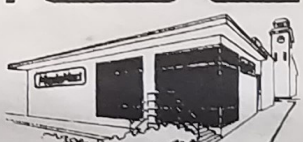
Raven in the Grove. Recent works in oil and pastels by Linda Purcell Satchell. 505 Lighthouse Avenue, Tue-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 12-6pm. 649-6057 for info.

Jewell Park. Saturday and Sunday, April 13-14 at 1pm at the Gazebo. "Mutual Friendship" a gratuitous Performance and Music Hall, an obscure Dickensian entertainment featuring Eleanor Wylde, Kevin Hanstick and Barbara Souze of the Monterey Peninsula Dickens Fellowship. On Central Avenue at Grand, Pacific Grove. 732-7625 for specifics.

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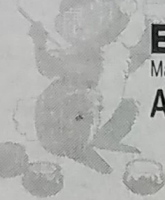
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Unicorn Theatre. On Sunday, April 14th at 6 pm, Unicorn Theatre on Hoffman in New Monterey will present a benefit performance of the comedy by John Maddison Morton, "Box & Cox," featuring Robert Colter, Carey Crockett and Phyllis Edwards.

The comedy will be followed by deserts and an Old Fashioned Olio Revue, featuring Miss Linda Purdy and Unicorn alumni.

The evening benefits Unicorn Theatre's Hospitality Project to improve the building. The \$20 donations for the benefit performance and deserts are welcome, whether or not you attend. Call 649-0259 for details.

Unicorn Theatre. *Alice in Wonderland* begins March 30-April 27. A Lewis Carroll children's classic adapted to stage by Carey Crockett blending characters, masks, costumes, puppets and story from both *Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* by the author. Shows run Saturday at 2pm and Sundays at 6pm.

Seaside City Hall. Twelve women poets will participate in the Monday, April 1, poetry reading of Women and Food at Seaside City Hall Council Chamber, 7-9 pm. Susan Hoffman, one of the organizers, says she was inspired by Judy Chicago's *The Dinner Party*. Twelve strangers will come together, each bringing her own place setting, "as if we're coming to share a meal," Hoffman explains. "But, the food is our words, our poems." The event is free and open to the public. Call 394-7951 (Colleen) for details.

The Vehicle Gallery. In the back of the Camera Exchange, the Vehicle Gallery will host a reception for artist Joe Hertzbach tonight, Friday, March 29. Ten percent of gross sales will be donated to the PG Museum of Natural History.

Mural to Cannery Row. The Cannery Row Foundation is the beneficiary

of a sandstone mural of Cannery Row, in place for 25 years, from Bay Books & Coffeehouse.

The mural was installed back when the building was leased to San Diego

Federal Savings & Loan and was removed last Thursday as part of a remodel at Bay Books to create space for more books.

Owner of the building, Mike Marotta, has no information on the artist who actually created the mural; the left half of the mural bears the inscription "C. Faust Group," but no one knows details of the mural's origin.



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Holman building retail center concept may house new retail trend

by Eric Colby

Since the exterior painting of the Holman Building was completed last year, there has been no physical evidence for sidewalk superintendents to believe much more is going on.

However, according to the ownership's general partner, Nader Agha, of Pacific Grove, there is plenty of activity inside and behind the scenes.

The building has been weather-proofed, with replacement of windows and exterior doors, and repairs to roofing.

Leases have been signed with some first floor retail tenants and a grand opening is planned for the building near the end of Summer.

Interior work in progress includes replacement of lavatory plumbing and fixtures, painting, carpeting, elevator repair and refurbishing, and carpet cleaning.

The existing interior offices, formerly the administrative offices of the Holman Company, have been refurbished and will be occupied soon permanently by Agha's organization.

Tamara Pursley, who was employed at the first of the year, is busy with market research for recruitment of tenants.

She and Agha attended the Shopping Center Convention at the Hyatt in Monterey last week. That was an assembly of retailers whom commercial property owners can seek out, study, and woo to their communities.

The retail mix being sought for occupancy of the Holman, according to Pursley, are purveyors of goods to meet the needs of the Peninsula's newest immigrants.

Those people, according to demographic studies reviewed by Pursley, are couples between the ages of 30 and 44.

"These people are aimed at bettering the quality of their life before hitting retirement age," says Pursley. "They tend to be running businesses out of their home, or they use their home as their base and travel to where their clients or customers are."

Of existing residents 37% have household incomes of \$25-\$50,000 and

25% have incomes of \$50-75,000.

The profile of the new immigrant includes a predisposition to selections of certain brand name merchandise. "They have what we call a pre-determined shopping head set," grinned Pursley.

The top three areas they are escaping from are Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Los Angeles counties.

The Holman Building's first retail objectives are to find merchandisers who will serve the Monterey, Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach, and Carmel area markets. Secondly, to serve the existing tourism market and, thirdly, to attract some Tri-County traffic.

A grocer for the 20,000 sf basement is being sought for the Holman Building as is a restaurateur for the 3,000 sf rooftop facility with the panoramic view.

Pursley's optimism about the Holman Building's success is what she sees nationally as a current consumer trend away from the shopping mall environment.

"According to the trade magazines, Good old American boredom is setting in with buyers who have been shopping malls for three decades, where every store looks alike," says Pursley.



THE HOLMAN BUILDING in downtown Pacific Grove may find itself on the crest of a national retail trend, as closures of national department stores in metropolitan areas are being converted to indoor malls for small merchandizers. Beacon photo by Eric Colby

"Pacific Grove's nostalgic Victorian commercial district is a natural for the trend," she says. "Our picturesque, individual-looking shops pique more shopper interest here, especially with the spectacular Bay as a natural backdrop."

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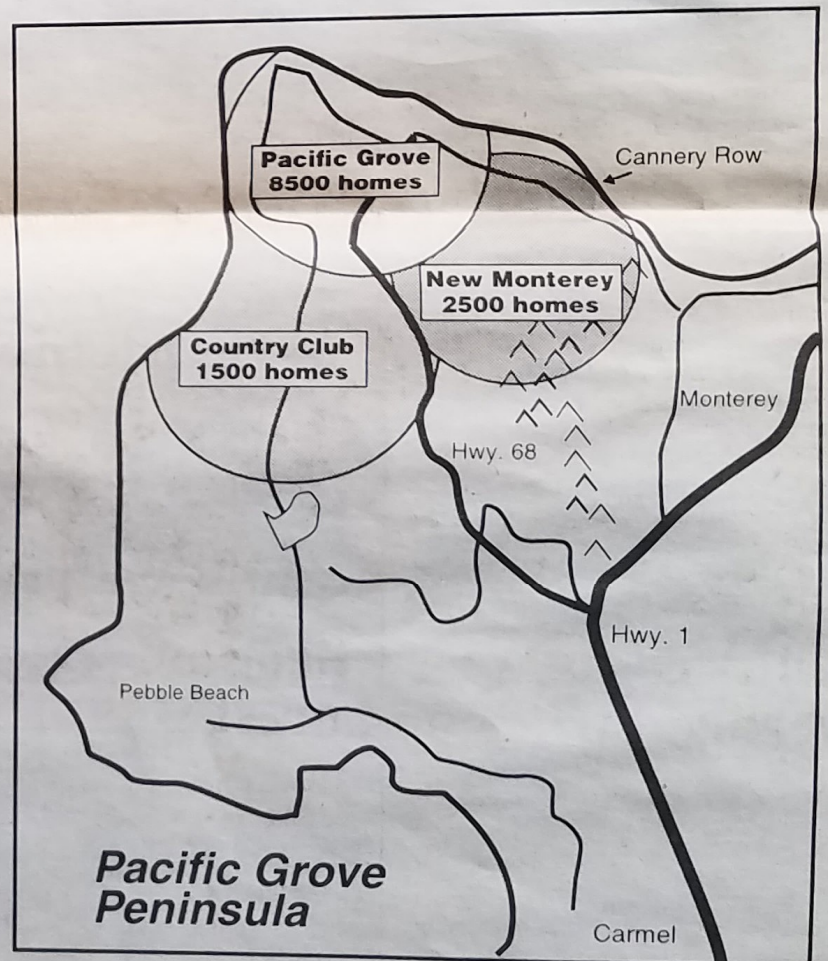
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The Beacon's size is now a full tabloid reflecting the paper's sales growth during two years. We now have a full-time sales-service department lead by Tom King. Want ad value is dynamite.

Contributing Editor Janis Cain and I have been working (when we have time) to formulate a news policy and system of news coverage. Some of our progress is realized in this issue.

We are winning the struggle to master our computer software, and photo reproduction is improving. We hope you enjoy the differences. -- Eric Colby

COMMUNITY NEWS

How can PGUSD survive the 21st Century without much more money?

(Editor's note: For years city government and the school district in Pacific Grove has been experiencing a reduction in growth of revenue. It began in the late '70's with the freezing of property taxes imposed by the electorates passage of Proposition 13. And it has continued with the diminished growth of retail and commercial activity here. The school district, unlike the City, cannot benefit from increased sales taxes and other revenues generated by business. It is approaching a crises point and the board of trustees has issued the following state of the district report.)

Why is the school district considering such a dramatic budget reduction for the 1996-97 school year?

Current projections show property taxes may grow no more than 2-2.5% for next school year. This small increase is not enough to cover all the expenses of continuing the current operation and the District no longer has enough money in reserve to offset this low revenue growth.

Financial reserves have been declining over the last five years as property tax revenues have averaged less than 2% increase per year as expenses have been growing at more than 2% per year.

This year's tax revenue increase of only 1.62% over the prior year, gives the administration and board no reason to believe that a significant increase will be occurring in view of local and State economic conditions.

How much do we need to reduce costs?

Current projections indicate that \$250,000-\$300,000 needs to be cut to offset revenue loss and still wind up with a positive contingency balance for unanticipated expenditures.

When and how will the final decision be made to reduce expenses?

The Board must make a decision by May 15 in order to comply with requirements to give employees notice. Board meetings on April 4 and May 2 will deal with these considerations and their impact on various options to revise educational programs.

The Board is very aware that any reduction made now, compiled with reductions in past years, will have an adverse affect on the school district.

How can the public be involved in influencing final decisions on which reductions should be considered?

Copies of current options presented to the Board March 12, is available in the school district office.

The material includes a list of reductions made prior to current considerations that were considered "painless" reductions, furthest away from the classroom.

Readers will save the administration and Board members valuable time in public discussion if they will please obtain this information and read it first.

Is there any substance to rumors about discussions and considerations about consolidating or combining certain schools and programs?

Yes! There have been very open discussions held at several public meetings. Operational savings from reduced number of sites is a real possibility.

Careful planning and implementation would be required and current discussions are that no change could occur before the 1997-98 school year, allowing plenty of time for discussion.

One model of reconfiguration or consolidation discussed involves closure of the middle school and shifting of 7th and 8th graders to the high school campus, leaving 6th graders at the elementary schools, and holding 1st graders at the David Avenue School which is now a kindergarten.

Another approach includes re configuring class locations in buildings so the campus may be shared with public use to benefit the entire community.

No discussions concerning this idea have been made and specific public meetings would be held prior to serious contemplation of this concept.

If you want to be involved, call the school district or local school principals to find out about public meetings sponsored by PTA or special committees that you can attend.



Utility companies will underground overhead wires on Forest Hill in '96

Work to put overhead poles, wires and cables underground on Highway 68 in the Forest Hill area is scheduled to begin after the rainy season, possibly late spring or early summer.

The portion of the highway to be freed of overhead utility wires is roughly between Adobe Court and and Sunset Boulevard.

Completion of undergrounding these utilities will enhance the visual aspect of this commercial entrance to Pacific Grove, according to City Manager Mike Huse, and could provide the stimulus for other beneficial and desired improvements.

Grove library is now open on Sundays

This is a reminder that a good place for you on those rainy Sundays may be your public library on Central Avenue between Fountain and Grand in Pacific Grove.

Hours are 1-5pm, bringing the library's total number of weekly full service hours to 62. The long-awaited Sunday opening was made possible with the reinstatement of a full time library assistant, a position that was eliminated early this

decade after 30 years of continuous Sunday service by the library.

With the advent of the 1990's, local governments throughout the State endured major revenue cuts forcing reduction of city personnel.

Retirement of a key library assistant and a hiring freeze at the library caused remaining library staff employees to cover the workload which forced the closure of the library on Sundays.



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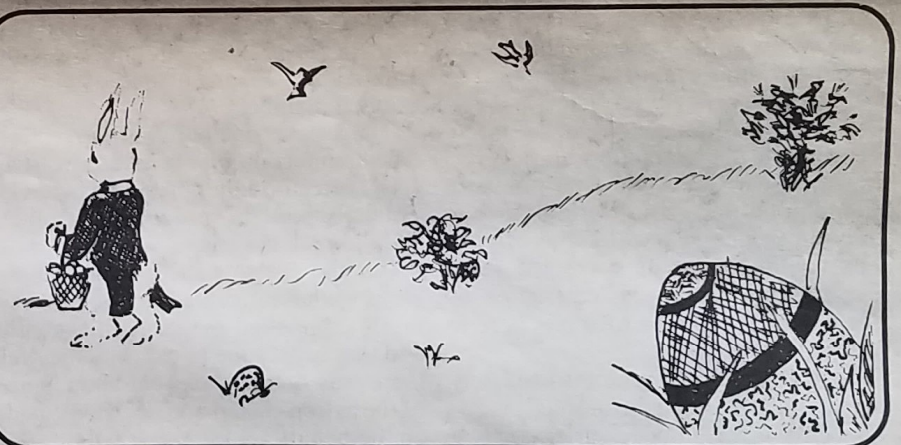
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OPINION

Davis Has Right Idea

Councilman Bob Davis used reasonably blunt language during a recent Council meeting. We can only hope that paid staff around City Hall heard him loud and clear.

Davis—and the rest of the Council—was unhappy over the Community Development Department's handling of a grant application for the new Senior Housing Committee. SHC had asked that specific language be used in the application, then discovered that their request was virtually ignored.

Davis told staff that he didn't want to see it happen again.

Councilman Steve Honegger, who chairs the Senior Housing Committee, is justifiably proud of the hammer and tongs manner in which his group is going at its

chores. Not wanting to become mired in the bureaucratic quicksand, they are determined to get on with solving the quarter-century old problem.

Annette Lindstrom, one of several SHC members who knows her way around City Hall, seems determined to keep the outfit on course. Her willingness to stand up and fight for the program must be appreciated by Honegger and the rest of his group.

Lindstrom must have derived some satisfaction from Davis' warning to staff. We suspect members of other committees also will have found cheer in his words. Apparently, the practice of giving short shrift to committee decisions is coming to a screeching halt. It's high time. — Neill Gardner

Profit is not a dirty word

Recently arrived on the political scene hereabouts is a new breed of naysayer. Although most of its spokespeople appear not to be completely dry behind the ears, there seems to be no restriction as to gender.

We speak here about those who with shrill voices address the public hearing microphones about their concern for any endeavor that might, horror of horrors, show an, ugh, profit.

During the fight over the New Los Padres Dam, one young female opposed the project because someone was going to make money on the deal. Listeners might have concluded that she would have felt differently if she were going to share in all those ill-gotten gains.

Not too long ago, a former Councilmember fell all

over himself putting the knock on The New City Hall Bunch for supporting the Triathlon. He'd heard that its sponsors had made a buck or two on the deal and he didn't want his town supporting any outfit like that.

Given the cut of their jib, we'd hazard a guess that most of these profit-haters are either ex-government employees, schoolteachers or recent products of the educational system. There is a cookie-cutter sameness about them. You get the feeling that their hands have never seen callouses.

Sooner or later, we are going to have to persuade these folks that profit is what makes the mare go. Washington, Sacramento and Salinas may be able to operate in a state of perpetual deficit. It won't work in Butterfly Town.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Actions legal, but were they what we should expect?

A strict interpretation of facts and a critical view of what is legal and what is not, is certainly what we should expect from a good community newspaper.

And because we didn't get exactly that from Eric Colby's article on the history of the Community Development building cum Youth Center (PG Beacon 2/9/96), he appropriately retracted and corrected errors of fact.

But while the retraction and correction took care of some fine points, it should not allow us to overlook the underlying principles which the original report, along with its corrected facts, reveal about the process carried on by elected and employed officials here in Pacific Grove.

First, the process was unfortunately inefficient and time consuming.

Second, it was unnecessarily costly.

Thirdly, costs for the CDD building were, apparently, under funded causing the council to "appropriate" moneys from the Affordable Housing Loan fund.

Fourth, instead of being businesslike and seeking architectural bids for the design, work was continuously given to the same firm over and over again, a firm of which one of the partners is publicly known to be a sports companion of the CDD director.

And, **finally**, council members who voted to continue contracting the same architectural firm (extending its service on, and income from, the project to almost eight years) had stood down on council votes on projects represented by the same architectural firm on the grounds there might have been conflicts of interest.

Public officials are hired or elected to represent us, and they are entrusted with the stewardship of public funds. As such, they should be held to a higher standard of conduct than the rest of us.

They must do more than stay within the confines of the law. Every action they take on our behalf must be ethical, responsible, and beyond the questions raised by the Beacon's article.

The issue is not whether our CDD Director Tony Lobay does or doesn't jog with one of the partners whose archi-

tectural business is chosen to design a community project without benefit of competitive bidding, or whether the actual amount of our moneys spent to date is \$811,000 or \$745,000, or whether there was or wasn't a conflict of interest in that the projects' architect was the campaign manager of one of our city council members.

The issue is one of public perception. The architect didn't break the law. Our CDD director didn't break the law. Our council members and a host of others didn't break the law.

But the circumstances and relationships of those involved would have certainly compelled me to act differently, and that causes me to ask why they felt there was nothing unusual about some of the actions taken and decisions made on my behalf.

By their actions, which they claim were legal, did they raise questions concerning their intentions and in so doing did they and the architect shake the public's confidence?

For instance: No, the architect didn't contribute anywhere near \$250 to a political campaign so, according to the Fair Political Campaign Practices Act, there was no conflict with that council member voting for his campaign manager's architectural firm to handle design of the Youth Center. Fine, no law broken.

However, the architect was the city council member's campaign manager, and because of that relationship, our elected representative disqualified himself and stepped down from voting on other architectural projects involving this same firm. Nothing illegal. But questions raised.

Was the council member picking and choosing specific projects, or did the councilman exercise poor judgment? In any event, public trust and confidence is shaken.

Housing rehabilitation funds were used to help finance part of the cost of the non-building and those have now been paid back to the affordable Housing Fund with interest from our General Fund.

Again, no law broken: however, ques-

tions and perceptions again. If affordable Housing Funds were being used to finance a non-building for the city, then what did the Affordable Housing Fund use for low cost affordable loans for rehabilitation of our homes? And how come repayment comes again from our General Fund; moneys with interest?

City officials determined it was OK (again, on my behalf) to take Affordable Housing Rehab moneys to help pay for a hole in the ground, and then go into the other pocket and take "mad money" plus a little bit more for interest to pay it back.

The citizens of PG paid out of both pockets and have nothing positive (constructive?) to show for it. Both the city and its citizens lost.

The only winners would be those architects and contractors who were paid for their services which resulted in construction of nothing more than a foundation.

Questions, perceptions, broken trusts, and lost confidences.

Yes editor and publisher Colby erred with facts which were imprecise. And the city responded with narrow, precise "I'm within the law," answers.

But has the higher standard to which we hold our public and city officials been breached? Has the public trust and confidence concerning this CDD building now called the Youth Center, been shaken?

I would like to say, "Enough is enough." One can only beat a dead horse for so long. Let's get on with building the Youth Center, be positive, be happy, stop the bickering." Believe me, I tried.

But try as I might, I just can't do it. My trust with City Council has been broken, my confidence has been shaken. Those nagging questions and perceptions remain because our public officials are operating at the fine line of the law level and not at the higher standard of conduct we as the electorate demand of them.

Bart Hodgins

(Editor's note: Bart Hodgins is a former Pacific Grove planning commissioner who recently resigned.)

Guest editorial

Affordable, accountable and community-based solutions for AH funds

by Bob Pacelli

Editor's Note: The views expressed are those of Mr. Pacelli and do not necessarily reflect those of the Beacon.

In the last edition of the Beacon, I outlined some of the problems — and my frustrations with — the Committee on Affordable Housing (CAH) and the city's administration. In this editorial, I will try to provide suggestions for a solution.

I believe that the affordable housing moneys should be removed from the general fund and placed in a local bank. By removing the funds from the city's general fund, we will once and for all end the question of accountability.

We also have a valuable tool from which we can better administer the loan program. For example, the Committee on Affordable Housing requested that the city pay the interest accrued on Affordable Housing moneys loaned to the ill-fated construction of the new CDD building.

If the CAH actually knew the money was available to us, we could look upon it as an addition to our budget and act accordingly. However, under the current city administration, this is impossible.

Although the new set of financial records for the affordable housing fund are very impressive to look at, I have to stop and think about the \$10,000 and many months of staff work spent to answer the original financial inquiries by the committee. This financial information was, by law, supposed to be available during business hours Monday through Friday for public disclosure. I can only wonder how much of our taxpayer dollars were spent on this latest financial report.

Local banks invest a fair amount of personal time and energy, along with contributions, to most community events. It is only fair that we give them an opportunity to compete for our business, rather than assigning it to a for-profit agency from Sacramento. What is wrong with doing business locally? With the people who already support our community?

I also feel that with a local institution we can start discussions about a first-time home-buyers program, so we can help people who are born and raised here to come back and own a home.

Not all of our municipal employees have the opportunity to live in this community. We can look at city-sponsored down-payment and special loan programs when appropriate so people have the opportunity to live in the community where they work.

I applaud the council on suggestions that students get involved with the local council actions. The current debate over Ward Connerly and Associates should provide the students with a wealth of topics from the roots of affirmative action, and why it may or may not be appropriate today. Mr. Connerly himself has been accused of "throwing stones at the tomb of Martin Luther King" to "a visionary who could be Pete Wilson's presidential running mate." Any discussions with our young people about these subjects and/or affordable housing in the city we live in would have made at least part of my year on the CAH a success.

These are only suggestions, but many things are possible if we have an open honest approach to affordable housing.

Once again I leave you with a call for action to show up on Wednesday, April 3rd at the city council meeting, or write or call the Mayor or the City Council to stop them from giving the Affordable Housing funds to a for-profit, out of town, controversial businessman. End the affordable housing apartheid in PG now.

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THIS NATTY TRIO cheerfully reminds you of the old-fashioned, wood-shafted, exhibition golf tournament to be held Saturday, April 12 on the Pacific Grove Municipal Golf Links (Asilomar Drive) during the Good Old Days Celebration next weekend.



WOMEN AND FOOD are the subjects inspiring poetry readings by women in Seaside this April Fool's Day.

New look at food

Twelve women poets will participate in the Monday, April 1, poetry reading of Women and Food at Seaside City Hall Council Chamber, 7-9pm. Susan Hoffman, one of the organizers, says she was inspired by Judy Chicago's The Dinner Party. Twelve strangers will come together, each bringing her own place setting, "as if we're coming to share a meal," Hoffman explains, "but, the food is our words, our poems." The event is free and open to the public. Call 394-7951 (Colleen) for details.

Love Song to My Refrigerator

by Helene Constant

*I come home to a hulking body
whose strong shoulders
protect an inner light.
Like a faithful mate
waiting for me with comfort.*

*Like a zen master,
only giving back
what I have given.*

*Something enters me
How can I be alone?*

*Something warms me
How can I be forgotten?*

*My refrigerator, like my body,
is both me and not me.
It is full of what I need
and opens at my touch.*

Old-fashioned golf tourney during Good Old Days celebration

Pacific Grove's Golf Tournament, as part of the Good Old Days celebration, will be played at the PG Municipal Links, April 12th. Del Cram will "tee off" the tourney with his handmade driver and "old feather" ball at 11 am.

Twenty-four golfers — men in "plus fours" knickers and ladies with bonnets and long flowing dresses — will play the game in turn of the century style — for fun — with hickory shafted clubs.

This year represents the 11th time the Old Timers have taken to the links. In past years, Del Cram, Dave Griffiths, and Ray Cotham spearheaded the tourney.

Right place, right time for Sunset cover kid

by Janis Cain

Alan Smith, 8th grader from PG Middle School, made the cover of the Sunset Magazine. That's him on the March issue, featuring the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

The photographer had reportedly been shooting in front of the shark



Alan Smith

tank for several hours, trying to get the lighting just right. It was when Alan walked by, pointing at the shark, that the selected cover photo was snapped.

Alan's mom Jeannie told the Beacon this week the family is pretty excited. "Alan is very much into oceanography, an outdoor kind of kid who loves the aquarium," she said. "So it's fitting that he would wind up on the cover."

Alan's grandmother subscribes to Sunset. When the March issue arrived in the mail, she put it aside to send over to Alan, knowing how interested he would be in the cover story on the Aquarium. When she observed how the kid on the cover resembled her grandson, she took a closer look. It WAS her grandson.

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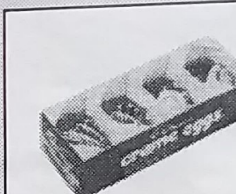
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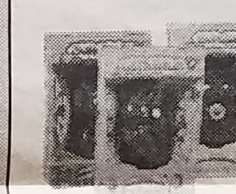
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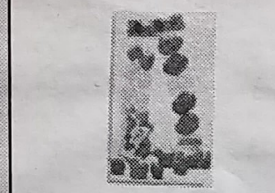
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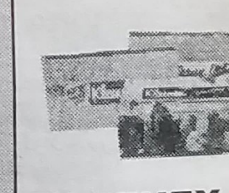
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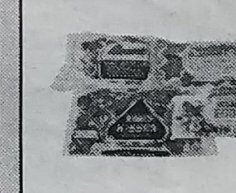
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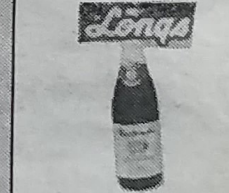
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